

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S HONORS COLLEGE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). For the past 50 years, the NCHC has been committed to excellence in honors education.

In particular, I rise to honor Valparaiso University's honors college, Christ College, an NCHC member located in Indiana's First Congressional District, for its commitment to teaching America's finest students. Dedicated to the cultivation of intellectual, moral, and spiritual virtues, Christ College seeks to emphasize history, literature, art, philosophy, and religious studies. Small discussion-centered classes offer stimulating interdisciplinary study with master teacher-scholars appointed full-time to the honors college. The students enrolled in the honors program not only take rigorous honors coursework, but are concurrently enrolled in one of Valparaiso University's other excellent colleges from which they earn their degrees.

Prominent Christ College alumni include federal district court judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, class of 1976, and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Energy Resources, Mary Burce Warlick. These outstanding examples, and the many other successful alumni of the honors program, are a testament to the dedication that Valparaiso University's Christ College has towards its students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Collegiate Honors Council on its 50th anniversary and in recognizing the exemplary commitment to education at Christ College. For its passionate dedication to the institute of education, the NCHC and Christ College are worthy of the highest praise. Founded in 1859, Valparaiso University has been a true asset to Northwest Indiana since its inception, and its faculty, staff, and students are a source of pride for the First Congressional District.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus to participate in this special order hour on "Saving Our Communities" and to discuss how we can work together to address the militarization of law enforcement, the high rate of arrest of our African American youth in our

school systems, and the importance of criminal justice reform.

First, let me thank my colleague Congresswoman ROBIN KELLY, for organizing this special order and for her continued leadership on so many issues, especially as chair of the CBC's Health Braintrust. Her leadership is so critical for these important discussions.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to speak about our broken criminal justice system and how its institutional biases overwhelmingly and negatively affect African Americans. Black bodies are criminalized, our police forces are becoming more and more militarized and we see astronomical arrest rates amongst African American youth.

From the East Bay to New York City, we see a common story of African Americans living in a different version of America. Their version is one filled with fear, distrust, and vicious cycles of incarceration, unemployment, poverty and recidivism.

Mass incarceration and a lack of reintegration policies have greatly hurt African American communities and I am frankly tired of waiting for "the people's" house to act.

For too long, we have ignored issues affecting African American communities. It is time to do the good work needed to save our communities. Let's pass criminal justice reform, end the militarization of our police forces, and work so that no student will have to go through what that young woman in South Carolina went through.

I applaud the President for his announcement today, and his bold and continued leadership to advance criminal justice reform. Yet much work remains to be done.

The cycle of incarceration and recidivism start early for African American students. The school to prison pipeline is very real and it pushes young people into prisons before they even have a chance.

While black students represent just 18 percent of preschool enrollment, they account for 42 percent of preschool student expulsions. We are talking about kids that are 2–5 years old—these kids don't even get a start, let alone a head start.

This carries over to high-school. Look at the incident at Spring Valley High school in South Carolina—it speaks to issues around black criminalization and the unnecessary escalation of discipline for African American students.

Having a phone out in class does not warrant a police call, and it certainly does not justify a student—a child, really—from being thrown out of a chair and dragged across a classroom floor.

Yet we see today that young African American girls are disciplined 10.5 times more than their white counterparts. Black girls are expelled and suspended at higher rates as well—what is going on?

We live in a country where black and brown youth are punished more often and more severely than their white counterparts. Yet few seem to raise an eyebrow at these gross disparities—disparities that have landed thousands of young people in jail, without hope and without a future.

As the mother of black men and the grandmother of two black boys, I find statistics like that troubling. For African Americans, we have allowed our school system to be turned into a prison pipeline. We must act now to stop it.

The sad thing about the Spring Valley incident is that this is not the first time we have seen students be brutalized at school. And while I commend the police department for firing this out of line officer and applaud the Justice Department for investigating, more must be done to prevent these miscarriages of justice.

We must address the systemic issues facing our education and criminal justice systems.

Nationwide, our local police forces have become increasingly militarized. Images from the unrest in Ferguson caused an outcry as we saw citizens being repelled by police officers in tanks. It looked like a scene from a battlefield than the streets of a suburban Missouri town.

For too long excess military equipment has been sent to local jurisdictions with the obligation to use them within one year. Weapons of war have no place on Main Street.

That is why I am a proud co-sponsor of the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act (H.R. 1232) a bipartisan bill that reins in the transfer of military equipment to civilian law enforcement agencies.

Instead of finding ways to arm our police forces, let's find ways to provide them with greater racial sensitivity training and work to build greater trust between law enforcement and the communities in which they serve.

That is why I introduced H. Res. 262, a resolution supporting community-oriented policing and encouraging greater diversity in law enforcement hiring and retention.

Our local law enforcement agencies must reflect the communities they serve.

Finally Mr. Speaker, it is past time that we tackle criminal justice reform. The President made some bold announcements today but Congress must act.

Let us ban the box, implement policies that increase integration, and address issues of income inequality and poverty that keep too many people and families trapped in a cycle of mass incarceration, unemployment, poverty and recidivism.

Systemic and institutional racial biases have broken our criminal justice system and eroded trust between law enforcement and the communities that they serve.

Thoughtful criminal justice reform is what is necessary to mend these relationships and work to "save our community" from the inside and out.

I am proud to be a member of the CBC's Ferguson Task Force that is putting forth real, actionable legislation that should come forward for an immediate vote—

Legislation like the Police Accountability Act (H.R. 1102) and the Grand Jury Reform Act (H.R. 429, which together would ensure that deadly force cases are heard by a judge and ensure police accountability by expanding the DOJ's power to persecute cases.

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Let's work to save these communities. Let's end excessive force in our schools, work to stop the decriminalization of black bodies, and find effective solutions to the end the school to prison pipeline.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER
ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITIC
INCITEMENT WITHIN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 293, expressing concerns over anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority.

I continue to support the safety and security of Jewish people across the globe.

Indeed, last week, I signed on to the Royce-Engel letter to President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian National Authority to express my deep concern over the recent wave of violence in Israel and the West Bank.

It is imperative that political leaders across the globe help to set the tone for peace by advocating non-violence.

Over the past two months, news reports inform us that scores of attacks on innocent Israelis have occurred.

This bipartisan legislation condemns these attacks and urges Palestinian Authority leaders to discontinue all incitement and exert political influence to discourage any form of violence by the Palestinian civil society.

This legislation also expresses support for individuals and organizations working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.

This legislation encapsulates the United States' unwavering support as Israel's strongest ally.

Indeed, among other things, the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, also known as Oslo II, asks all parties to abstain from incitement without derogation for the principle of freedom of expression to prevent incitement by any organization, groups or individuals within their jurisdiction.

Moreover, Oslo II admonishes Israel and the Palestinian Authority to ascertain that their respective educational systems facilitate peace between Israeli and Palestinian peoples, working together towards peace in the region.

This legislation encourages and recognizes the work of individuals and organizations focused on facilitating the cooperation towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Thus, I support and urge continued efforts to urge an end to language that incites any form of violence and I encourage efforts to help facilitate peace between all parties involved.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE REGARDING SAFETY AND
SECURITY OF EUROPEAN JEWISH
COMMUNITIES

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution regarding the safety and security of Jewish communities in Europe. Seventy years after the Holocaust, we are seeing an alarming spike in anti-Semitic activity and violence targeting Jews throughout Europe. In the past year alone, there have been hundreds of violent acts targeting the Jewish community, including deadly attacks at a kosher supermarket in Paris and the Great Synagogue in Copenhagen.

As a world leader, the United States must make every effort to work with our European partners to keep the Jewish community safe and secure. This resolution does just that by encouraging the United States to work with European governments to create partnerships with Jewish community groups to improve preparedness and responsiveness to anti-Semitic attacks, create open lines of communication to share information about potential threats, expand relationships with local law enforcement, and to help develop baseline security standards for Jewish organizations and facilities. It also urges European allies to appoint senior officials to coordinate efforts to combat anti-Semitism and hold law enforcement accountable for training to monitor and respond to anti-Semitic violence. Additionally, this resolution commends the work of the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism and its efforts in promoting religious freedom around the world.

As a member of the Intelligence Committee and the Bipartisan Task Force on Combating Anti-Semitism, I understand how crucial it is to the stabilization of communities in Europe that we forcefully stand up to anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism does not just impact the Jewish community. When this hatred flourishes, it affects all ethnic, religious, and other minority groups.

Given the urgency of addressing this growing threat, I am proud to have prioritized working to combat the rise in anti-Semitism, leading my colleagues in writing to the Special Envoy calling for the U.S. to continue to be a global leader in combating all forms of hate. My colleagues also joined me in encouraging the United Nations to work with member states to curb anti-Semitism by enacting strong hate crime laws, expanding education on diversity and tolerance in their own countries, and encouraging heads of state to forcefully speak out about the dangers of anti-Semitism.

This resolution furthers these efforts by highlighting the safety and security needs of Jewish communities across Europe and the role our European partners have to play in combatting anti-Semitism. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in passing this urgent resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF BERWICK
AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
COACH ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize retiring Berwick Area High School football coach, George Curry, as he concludes a highly successful career. George is the winningest coach in Pennsylvania high school history, and has had a tremendously positive impact on countless student athletes in my district.

For the past 46 years, George has embarked on a career underpinned by 450 wins and six Pennsylvania State Championships. He was twice named National Coach of the Year by USA TODAY, and his teams were selected as National Champions by that same newspaper three times.

It should also be noted that George was not just interested in procuring a prolific number of wins. Rather, he was focused on the development of his players, both academically and personally. Many of George's players believe that they would never have had access to such world-class educations if they had not counted him as a mentor and coach—and more than 700 of George's players went on to collegiate careers. Further, over 200 landed scholarships to top Division I programs in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. The fact that George would spend hours putting together promotional packages for college recruiters on behalf of players who did not even attend Berwick Area High School is a testament to his utter dedication and commitment to the development of our community's youth, and is a practice that should be commended.

It is no secret that George's players have enjoyed tremendous athletic success as a result of his leadership. But still others never played a single down of football beyond high school, and went right into careers, or trades, or into the military, and took with them lessons about life that only George could have instilled in them. They have raised, are raising, or soon will raise families that will become part of the expanding fabric of our community, and for this, we have George to thank.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud to help commemorate George Curry's phenomenal career, and am forever grateful for the futures he has shaped, and the lives he has touched. This is the true measure of a great high school football coach and mentor, and I hope that George will celebrate the culmination of an impactful career in the company of his family and friends.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IN PORTSMOUTH, NEW
HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth, New

Hampshire. I am pleased to join with the Community College System of New Hampshire in recognizing this great milestone for the college. Great Bay Community College first opened its doors in 1945 in Portsmouth as the State Trade School; its primary mission was to provide trade school facilities for veterans demobilized from the Armed Services.

Since the first class of 130 veterans in 1945, the school has grown and evolved to offer over 50 degree and certificate programs. The courses offered over the years have changed, ranging from machine tooling, sheet metal work, auto mechanics, electronics and refrigeration to nursing, added in 1966, to today where degrees range from biotechnologies, criminology, management and marketing, to advanced composite manufacturing.

As we celebrate Great Bay Community College's 70th anniversary, it continues to grow having just added a 20,000 square foot student center to its facilities. This new addition is a testament to the dedication the school has to its students and the growing need for reasonable and affordable higher education. I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the 70th anniversary of Great Bay Community College, and wish them all the best in their future years.

PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of H.R. 1853, directing the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, the empowerment of law enforcement in order that they be able to carry out their mandate in upholding the rule of law and preservation of peace and security are imperatives I believe we must continue to seek to facilitate.

Our world today is fraught with global terrorism, with groups utilizing information sharing and technologies to advance their vitriolic causes.

This is why organizing, inclusion and empowerment of nations willing to work together to combat domestic and global terrorism is in our global and national security interest.

This measure facilitates the United States' and the global community's ability to move swiftly to empower police and law enforcement in our collective efforts of coordinating, preempting and acting swiftly in unison in combatting terrorism, crisis prevention and response.

I join this bipartisan measure which seeks to facilitate INTERPOL member states' efforts to promote Taiwan's ability to bid to obtain observer status in the INTERPOL.

Indeed, since 1964, Taiwan had maintained full membership, but was ejected 20 years later when the People's Republic of China (PRC) applied for membership.

Part of what the United States Administration can do is to take the lead in endorsing Taiwan in obtaining its observer status.

The United States has expressed its affirmative intentions in support of Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations, as delineated in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review.

For instance, Public Law 108-235 authorized the Secretary of State to initiate and implement a plan to endorse and obtain observer status at the annual World Health Assembly for six consecutive years, owing to Taiwan's significant contribution to the global community's efforts of addressing pandemic control and global public health issues of our day.

Indeed, the INTERPOL's constitution allows observer status at meetings by police entities who are not members of the Organization.

The current status of non-membership status precludes Taiwan from gaining access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 global communications systems, an important real time information sharing infrastructure on domestic and global criminals.

The current state of affairs relegates Taiwan to hearsay or second hand information from friendly nations such as the United States.

This impedes Taiwan's ability to move swiftly in information acquisition as it relates to its domestic and global crime fighting efforts.

As a senior member of the Committee on Homeland Security, global and national security is very important to me.

This measure seeks to protect our security interests in Taiwan as well as the global security of the world.

Taiwan's inaccessibility to critical information readily made available to its law enforcement forces places our entire world at risk.

This measure seeks to facilitate Taiwan's direct and unobstructed participation in the International Criminal Police which promotes global security.

I support and urge the support of this measure because it is beneficial for all nations and their police authorities to be able to share information with authorized police authorities in their law enforcement and peacekeeping efforts in combatting local and global crimes, including the contemporary crime of terrorism.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. PAUL W. WHEAR

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Paul W. Whear on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Today in my hometown of Huntington, West Virginia, friends and family of Dr. Whear will gather at the Huntington Museum of Art to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of a distinguished American composer. Dr. Whear's works have been performed by many distinguished institutions around the globe, and he is known in my district for his time as composer emeritus at Marshall University and conductor emeritus of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra.

Dr. Whear also served our nation during World War II as a naval officer, where he wrote several compositions for the U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band, the West Point Academy Band, the U.S. Army Band and U.S. Marine band.

Dr. Whear is one of the finest musical talents to come out of the great state of West Virginia, and I along with many others wish him a very happy birthday.

HONORING ANTWAN CLARK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Antwan Clark.

Antwan Clark was born March 26, 1980 to the proud parents of Sylvester and Jeanette Clark of Lexington, Mississippi. He has two sisters, Kadisha and Abbie.

Antwan is the epitome of the phrase "strength through adversity". After being left paralyzed after a car accident during his junior year of high school, Antwan persevered. His determination to attain success motivated him to graduate from J.J. McClain High School in 1998 with honors. After graduating with honors from JJMHS, Antwan attended Holmes Community College and majored in Business and Office Technology. To continue pursuing his goals, he then enrolled in Antonelli College where he earned a degree in Computer Technical Support and Networking, maintaining a 3.9 grade-point average. In 2007, the Career College Association invited Antwan to Washington, D.C., where he was awarded for his achievements.

Antwan is currently employed by the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in Lexington, MS as an Information Technology Specialist and Website Developer. He also uses his knowledge and technical skills to tutor and teach computer classes at CSLC. Antwan also has a home-based computer repair business called "Top Quality Computer Services" located at 1131 Busy Bee Road, Lexington, MS 39095. His business specializes in issues regarding: computer repair, software applications, computer networking, virus/spyware removal, and website design.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Antwan Clark for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 254, regarding the safety and security of Jewish communities across Europe.

I continue to support the safety of Israeli people across the globe.

Indeed, last week, I signed on to the Royce-Engel letter to President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian National Authority to express my deep concern over the recent wave of violence in Israel and the West Bank.

It is imperative that political leaders across the globe help to set the tone for peace by advocating non-violence.

Numerous attacks on so many innocent lives in Europe alone is so much cause for alarm: Anti-Semitic rhetoric and acts, according to FBI reports involved 870 incidents in 2012 with anti-Jewish bias motivation, including 13 violent incidents, and 625 incidents in 2013 attributed to anti-Jewish bias; an increase in violent attacks on people and places of worship; and an escalation of frequency, variety and severity of the various attacks.

Anti-Semitic attacks are threats to the fundamental rights we hold so dear in our nation.

Security and diversity of all citizens, societies and countries are sacrosanct in our nation.

This is why the United States joined forces with France and the United Kingdom in recognition of the importance of partnership, training and information sharing between government entities and the Jewish community security groups with the eye towards the safety and security of Jewish communities.

As a senior member of the House Homeland Security Committee, information sharing initiatives such as our national "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign implemented by our nation's Department of Homeland Security is a critical initiative that will enable prevention of anti-Semitic violent attacks on individuals and communities.

This bill is also critical because it urges the United States Government, the Secretary of State, Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, Director of the FBI to engage their European counterparts to partner in the protection of the Jewish community in Europe.

This Bill reaffirms the very important U.S. support for the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat anti-Semitism with the eye towards fostering and facilitating international religious freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 354 because it supports an end to the dramatic increase of the number of violent anti-Semitic attacks in some European countries.

These attacks, increasingly targeting places of ordinary daily life like market places and places of worship must stop.

Thus, I support and urge enhanced partnerships between governments and Jewish community groups—which are critical to helping keep Jewish communities secure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, November 2, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 582.

RECOGNIZING REAL SCHOOL GARDENS' 100TH LEARNING GARDEN IN TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize REAL School Gardens' 100th learning garden at Jerry Junkins Elementary School, which will be the fifth REAL School Garden in the 24th district of Texas. REAL School Gardens is a nonprofit organization that has been creating outdoor learning gardens in low-income elementary schools since 2003. Once this 100th outdoor classroom is completed, the organization will have engaged more than 100,000 students in Texas in hands-on curricula integrating science with language arts.

REAL School Gardens' strong commitment to having local communities invested in the design, build, and use of the school gardens is truly impressive. Each REAL School Garden involves a partnership between students and their parents, the school, and private funders. Once a school is selected, REAL School Gardens works with the principal and teachers to host a student design challenge. The community then comes together for a "Design and Dine" dinner to tailor the garden plan to the school's culture and learning objectives.

Once the design is finalized, everyone, including corporate partners such as Mercedes Benz Financial Services, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, and Wells Fargo, participates in the "Big Dig"—an event when the community builds the garden in just one day. The results have been remarkable. In my district, there are outdoor learning gardens with earth science stations, drip irrigation systems, weather data stations, and wildlife habitats that serve as learning tools that have helped participating schools in Texas have standardized test score pass rates jump 12 to 15 percent.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate REAL School Gardens on this achievement and wish the organization the best with the next 100 REAL School Gardens. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating such an accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF PROJECT BLUE NOVEMBER IN WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of those in my district who are promoting Project Blue November, which seeks to raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes. Diabetes is prevalent in millions of people of all ages in the United States, including approximately 200,000 people under the age of 20 that have been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. It is because of children like seven-year-old Ainsley Jackson of Milton, West Virginia, who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at an early age, that we must do all we can to combat this disease.

Increasing awareness within our communities of the symptoms and risk factors related to diabetes improve the chances that those with the condition will get the care and attention they need before the severe complications of diabetes develop. That is why the actions of those promoting the goals of Project Blue November are critically important to spread throughout our communities in West Virginia and the United States.

With the promotion efforts of those like the Milton City Council in my district, I am certain Project Blue November's goal of raising awareness of Type 1 Diabetes will be successful in having a positive impact on the lives of many families in West Virginia.

GLOBAL ANTI-POACHING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a longstanding member of the Congressional Animal Rights Caucus and champion of wildlife preservation and protection of animals, I rise in support of H.R. 2494, the Global Anti-Poaching Act by Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman ROYCE of California.

Earlier this year, in light of the brutal killing of Cecil the Lion, I introduced and sought the support of my colleagues as original co-sponsors of my legislation entitled, Cecil the Lion Endangered and Threatened Species Act of 2015.

H.R. 2494 embodies the purpose of my legislation by strengthening partner countries' capacity in countering wildlife trafficking and designating major wildlife countries for protection.

Mr. Speaker, my legislation on Cecil the Lion amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit the taking and transportation of any endangered or threatened species as a trophy into the United States.

This current legislation crystallizes our bipartisan collective efforts to address and tackle a yearly \$7 to \$10 billion illicit venture that seeks to destroy endangered and troubled wildlife.

Currently, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) does not protect the vast majority of wild animals killed and imported.

While the ESA allows for the importation of endangered and threatened species for scientific research, propagation or survival of the species, hunters are abusing this limited exception to murder and transport protected wildlife for sport.

As a result of this loophole, tens of thousands of wild animals are killed every year by trophy hunters and transported into the United States.

The conservation of endangered and threatened species is critically important to the sustainability of our biodiversity, ecosystem and the beauty of wildlife as we know it.

Terrorist organizations are not only proving to be a threat to global security but also a threat to our environment and natural wildlife, utilizing the funds from their illicit activity of wildlife poaching to fund their terroristic activities.

Vulnerable species are at the mercy of transnational terrorist groups whose actions

place these natural inhabitants of the earth in danger of extinction.

For example, the population of African elephants has decreased from 1.3 million to 400,000, with 22,000 poached in 2012.

Only 3,200 tigers remain in the wild, and these tigers remain in danger of being poached for their skins, bones and body parts.

H.R. 2494 works to enforce the United Nations Security Council multilateral sanctions against individuals and entities engaging in illicit trade of wildlife in support of armed groups like the Lord's Resistance Army, al-Shabaab and other terrorist organizations.

This legislation supports the efforts of the State Department under the Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program to dismantle the wildlife trafficking syndicates in the global south from Africa to Asia.

This legislation supports the President's Executive Order 13648, geared at combatting wildlife trafficking, through the creation of a Presidential Task Force responsible for our national strategy to combat wildlife trafficking.

Indeed, the United States along with 40 countries from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America participated in the London Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade where we collectively committed to addressing the cultural, social, environmental and economic consequences of the illegal trade in wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, this bill seeks to protect endangered species, expand and professionalize wildlife enforcement networks through: assessment of the capacity of existing enforcement networks in member countries; establishment of a central secretariat to coordinate enforcement networks; facilitation of law enforcement and intelligence efforts and information sharing; utilization of the expertise of international bodies and civil society organizations to tackle the issue; and training of enforcement personnel, and the creation and institutionalization of a wildlife enforcement platform based on the rule of law.

Indeed, by making certain large-scale wildlife trafficking crimes predicate offenses for money laundering, racketeering, and smuggling, this bill elevates the seriousness of major wildlife trafficking offenses, putting wildlife crime on par legally with other forms of transnational organized crime.

Mr. Speaker, as ranking member on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, this bill is a step in the right direction as it enforces existing laws, directs fines, forfeitures, and penalties, all imperative for wildlife conservation.

I strongly support H.R. 2494 because it supports on-the-ground efforts to protect species, including elephants, tigers, and rhinos from becoming victims of wildlife crime.

HONORING MRS. LATONYA
WILLIAMS-BRADLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable entrepreneur, Mrs. LaTonya Williams-Bradley.

Strands of long, black locks fell effortlessly onto the floor as a pair of young eyes looked

on eagerly—carefully observing the technique of the hands behind the shears that snipped away to create a new, edgy look.

Mrs. Williams-Bradley of Cleveland watched intently as her mother cut, washed and curled mane after mane, building a strong clientele at her Rosedale salon.

She remembers while sitting and observing her mother at her salon as a child, that she desired to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a hair stylist.

But, what she didn't know was that she would also become an agent, to help others do the same, as owner and CEO of Goshen School of Cosmetology in Cleveland, Mississippi.

As a single parent Mrs. Williams-Bradley received her cosmetology education at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she graduated in 2006.

After passing the state licensure to become a licensed cosmetologist, Mrs. Williams-Bradley returned to Coahoma Community College to further her cosmetology career to become a cosmetology instructor and completed that course of study in 2009. She was immediately offered the opportunity to become a cosmetology instructor at Coahoma Community College.

After working at Coahoma Community College she worked at Blue Cliff College in Gulfport, Mississippi as a cosmetology instructor.

During her tenure as an instructor she decided that it was time to pursue her dream of owning her salon and began researching entrepreneurship practices and opportunities, eventually, deciding it was time to pursue her dream of one day opening her own salon. In 2011 she opened Goshen Salon and Boutique in Cleveland, Mississippi. She chose the biblical name Goshen because it is a land of plenty, comfort and growth in Egypt. On July 29, 2013 she opened Goshen School of Cosmetology with a core curriculum and institution designed to promote growth, increase and comfort.

Now, what was once the dream of a little girl has become a reality. Mrs. Williams-Bradley has enjoyed substantial success in the exciting field of cosmetology. Where over the last nine years she owned and managed two successful hair salons while teaching at two colleges, inspired numerous students to strive for excellence and to achieve their maximum potential.

The motto she shares with others is "Whatever is your passion and your heart's desire—pursue it and be the best at it and believe that there is nothing too hard for God."

Mrs. Williams-Bradley is married to Tony Bradley and has four children: Teara, Tamaryea, Zira and Lauren. She is the daughter of Freddie and Barbara Graham and has two (2) siblings: Erica Jackson and Beauty Graham.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote during the first vote of the last vote se-

ries on September 30, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on Roll Call Vote 527, which was the Adoption of H. Con. Res. 79, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of the Senate amendment to H.R. 719.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 582, a recorded vote on H.R. 1853. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
T SANTORA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate T Santora on his long career as a Los Angeles labor leader, and as an influential activist for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals.

T has dedicated decades of his professional life to the Communications Workers of America, a union that protects the interests of thousands of L.A. workers. He has spent 35 years as a full-time CWA representative, working in both local and national positions.

Today, T is President Emeritus of CWA Local 9003, which represents a diverse membership of approximately 2,500 workers in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. He also chairs the Legislative-Political Committee of the CWA Southern California Council, representing 27,000 CWA members in Southern California. And he serves as National Co-Chair of the CWA Telecom Ad Hoc Committee, which regularly convenes workplace leaders in the telecommunications industry from the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico.

T is also a leader in the LGBT rights movement, and a powerful voice for the needs of LGBT laborers. From 1998 to 2005, he served as National Co-President of Pride at Work, the AFL-CIO's LGBT constituency group. In addition, he represented CWA on the Executive Board of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and on the Coalition of Labor Union Women's HIV/AIDS Advisory Board.

T believes in the need to make Los Angeles' workforce the best it can be. Last year, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed T to the L.A. Workforce Development Board, where he serves on the Board's Executive Committee and chairs the Ad Hoc Committee on Expanding Apprenticeship Opportunities.

Finally, T cares deeply about the youth of Los Angeles. He is the Founder and an Executive Board Member of the CWA 9003 Children's Fund, a non-profit charitable organization which serves the needs of L.A.'s underprivileged and homeless children.

The L.A. City Council recently issued a resolution honoring T for his 30 years of community service. That honor was greatly deserved.

In public life and the private sector, T Santora has been an Angeleno to admire. As he takes a well-earned retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting him on a magnificent career, and to wish him every health and happiness.

HONORING HOSKINS LEARNING CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hoskins Learning Center of Batesville, MS.

Mrs. Lillie L. Hoskins, a woman of favor and faith, is a native of Batesville, MS. She has been an educator and Daycare Provider for over 35 years and is currently the owner and operator of the Hoskins Learning Center.

She graduated from South Panola High School in 1973 and later obtained a secretarial degree from Northwest Community College. In 2000, she obtained State credentials as an Early Childhood Education Director.

Mrs. Hoskins was born into a family where she was rooted in her faith in Christ. She is the daughter of the late George and Audrey Leland and the youngest girl of eight (8) children, but even as a young girl she knew, she would someday spend her life working with children.

Mrs. Hoskins is the mother of two children, a daughter-in-law and has two grandchildren. Over the course of forty-two (42) years of marriage, Lawrence and Lillie have traveled and touched the lives of many people.

In 1979, Mrs. Hoskins prayed to God through faith and opened the first daycare, Magnolia Kindergarten, which she owned and operated until 2003. In 2003, she expanded her business to include infants and early toddlers. At this time she also changed the operating name to Hoskins Learning Center, as it is known today.

Mrs. Hoskins has touched the community and the lives of children in the city of Batesville in many ways, by opening her house and heart to train and tutor our children.

As owner and operator of Hoskins Learning Center, her goal has been to serve the children of Batesville and Panola County, preparing them all to be productive and responsible adults in a rapidly changing world. Since 1979, the daycare has had a 96% high school graduation rate, including several valedictorians, salutatorians and honor roll students, one of which went on to play football in the NFL.

For all of her outstanding accomplishments, Mrs. Hoskins is recognized as a trailblazer in Early Childhood Education, in the great State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hoskins Learning Center for their commitment and dedication to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2015, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 582, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

IN RECOGNITION OF TREVOR G. BROWNE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the staff and students of Trevor G. Browne High School in Phoenix, Arizona, who went above and beyond in supporting my office's community-wide citizenship fair.

The largest school in the Phoenix Union High School District, Trevor Browne High School currently serves over 3000 students. The school's mission is to work with families and the community to provide a comprehensive education to all students, a commitment they fulfill by offering a variety of learning opportunities both within and outside of the regular school day calendar. The principal, Dr. Gabe Trujillo, and the teachers work tirelessly to meet each student's unique needs, and students' love of their school is clear in the number of graduates who return as faculty members.

Trevor Browne High School did not merely provide the space for my office's citizenship fair—the staff and students went above and beyond to assist those seeking help with their citizenship paperwork. Dr. Trujillo and members of the school community provided invaluable support for the event, serving as volunteers and helping ensure that we could serve as many individuals as possible. Thanks to their hard work, we were able to aid over 150 Arizona residents in navigating the path to U.S. citizenship.

I truly appreciate the assistance of Dr. Trujillo and everyone from Trevor Browne High School, whose selfless dedication was vital to making our citizenship fair a success.

RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES VERNON OF MORTON, ILLINOIS

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. LaHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I commemorate the heroic acts of Mr. James Vernon of Morton, Illinois. Mr. Vernon, now 75 years old, put himself between 16 terrified children and a

knife-wielding teen determined to cause harm at an Illinois public library.

Mr. Vernon was leading a chess club meeting with local children when the attacker entered the library holding a knife in each hand. Vernon, a retired Caterpillar technology worker and Army veteran, averted the attacker's attention away from the children, ages 7 to 13, allowing time for the students to exit the library. Vernon attempted to talk the attacker down before any advances were made. During his discussion with the teen, Vernon used the diversion to deduce that the attacker was right-hand dominant, which would help if he needed to subdue the attacker.

Despite the efforts of Vernon to calm the attacker, the teen once again became aggressive. Recalling the Army training he received nearly half a century ago, Vernon blocked one blade with his left hand and threw the attacker onto a table. Mr. Vernon suffered lacerations to his hand as he subdued the attacker before the authorities arrived.

All children escaped the library without harm thanks to Mr. Vernon's courageous act. I feel it is most appropriate to commend James Vernon today and thank him for his years of service to the community and to this country.

HONORING UPPER KUTZ BARBER & STYLE COLLEGE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable business, Upper Kutz Barber & Style College.

Upper Kutz Barber & Style College maintains the philosophy that their students come to them for; education, skill development, and career advancement. They believe in equal opportunity for all students, reinforced with training. Placement assistance has helped their students to become enterprising professionals.

The school has an orderly, purposeful, businesslike atmosphere which is free from threat of physical harm. The school climate is not oppressive and is conducive to teaching and learning. The school has an atmosphere of expatriation in which the staff believes and demonstrates that all students can attain mastery of the essential barber cultural skills and that they have the capability to help all students attain that mastery.

The mission of Upper Kutz Barber & Style College is to train men and women: 1. To familiarize and instruct students in the proper and most current methods in all phases of barbering; 2. To make a living in the business world; 3. To become good citizens on both local and national levels; 4. To be able to recognize problems and procedures in business and industry from the view-point of both producer and consumer; 5. To assist students in suitable job placement; 6. To provide assistance and counseling to graduates; 7. To develop self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-direction and; 8. To enter the national work force as productive individuals.

Furthermore, the school has at least 1200 square feet of floor space, composed of two separate areas: The class room and lecture area and the clinical/lab area, where services

are practiced on school patrons. The clinical area is equipped with at least 10 modern built-in stations, 10 mirrors, 10 hydraulic chairs, 3 sinks, 3 dryer chairs, a dispensing area, and a reception area. This salon environment prepares students for professional operation in the career field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Upper Kutz Barber & Style College for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

CAMP LOGAN, TEXAS: 1917

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Park is to Houston what Central Park is to New York City. It is our haven in the woods in the heart of Houston, Texas. Many joggers, runners and walkers hit the park's trail daily to make the three mile loop. I know this park well. In my past life as a criminal court judge, I took to the gravel trail for my daily run, as later did my kids. But what people may not know is the rich history that lies beneath their feet. Much of Memorial Park is located on the grounds of a historical WWI military facility—Camp Logan.

Camp Logan was an emergency training center that was established when the U.S. entered WWI.

After declaring war on Germany, The War Department, now known as the Department of Defense, sought out Harris County, Texas for its moderate climate and Houston's newly opened ship channel.

These elements made it a prime spot to train young American "doughboys" to go "over there" to fight in the Great WWI in Europe.

Two military installations were built: Camp Logan for the Army and Ellington Field for the Army Air Service. The camp provided shelter and training to thousands of soldiers from all over America from 1917–1919.

Set up like many other army camps in the United States, Camp Logan's primary function was turning young American boys into fighting men.

Tens of thousands of National Guard soldiers were trained for duty in France. The soldiers that trained at Camp Logan entered camp straight out of civilian life and found themselves in intense combat preparation.

Tear gas and explosives were used to simulate the conditions on the front lines. But a new type of warfare was harder for the soldiers to imagine—trench warfare. The trenches were bloody, muddy, cruel and under constant attack. History shows how brutal and costly the trench war was.

Even with all the training at Camp Logan, soldiers were not fully prepared for life in the trenches.

To help the soldiers cope with the wounds and harsh reality of war, the commission on Training Camp Activities enlisted the help of several nationwide service organizations like the YMCA, Red Cross, American Library Association, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Board of Welfare and others. Through these private organizations the soldiers had entertainment, counseling, religious services, athletic programs and more.

The kindness of the local Houston community surrounding the camp did a lot to support the men of Camp Logan as well.

With the thousands of men at Camp Logan, the Camp was not without its problems. A conflict by soldiers with local police in 1917 resulted in the death of four police officers, three African American soldiers and ten local civilians after a riot.

After the war, the Camp continued to serve vital functions. In 1919, it was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers coming back from Europe. It also served as a unit of the City of Houston's health care system until 1923. After that, the Camp remained deserted until 1942.

Catherine Mary Emmott wrote to the Houston Chronicle advising the city to "buy some of the land and turn it into a park in memory of the boys." Her efforts led the way in turning the land into a park. Thus Memorial Park—a memorial to the ones who were trained in Texas to fight in Europe.

Emmott's efforts did not fall upon deaf ears. William C. Hogg, son of Texas Governor Jim Hogg, bought two tracts of the former Camp Logan site and sold it to the City of Houston. That May, the City of Houston officially established a park in remembrance of the WWI soldiers who trained there.

Today, Memorial Park includes a golf course, bike paths, tennis courts, baseball fields and a nature center. It is an attraction for runners, walkers and joggers of all ages. The grounds are now a training area for athletes rather than a training area for soldiers.

It is estimated that almost 1,000 Camp Logan soldiers gave their lives during the Great WWI and over 6,200 were wounded.

The Logan soldiers served with distinction in combat in the forest and trenches of Europe. Seventy-five of the African American soldiers trained at Camp Logan from the 370th Infantry were awarded the French Croix de Guerre and 12 received the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Crosses for their acts of valor.

Memorial Park, as it is appropriately named, has begun a project to commemorate the doughboys who trained at Camp Logan by planting trees in their honor.

The series of trees will be lined up like columns of soldiers in an area called "Memorial Groves." This section of the park contains the highest number of Camp Logan remnants, artifacts and WWI memorabilia.

It is vital that communities know their history.

The work being done for "Memorial Groves" at the park is an appropriate way to see that history and honor the memory of Camp Logan and the young warriors it produced.

Texas has had a long history of supporting and uplifting America's military. The history of Camp Logan is our own. Camp Logan should be remembered just as it is—a memorial for the soldiers who trained on Texas soil before they fought on foreign soil 100 years ago.

Of the Logan soldiers, some served and returned, some served and returned with the wounds of war and some served and did not return. Memorial Park is a memorial for them all. As we approach November 11th—Armistice Day, now Veterans Day—the end of WWI, it is with deep gratitude that we honor the men of Camp Logan, Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 582 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

HONORING DAMIAN MURRIEL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Damian Murriel.

It sounds strange, but owning and operating a funeral home has been a childhood dream for Mr. Damian Murriel—at least it has been ever since he started working in the business.

Damian Murriel began his first job in a funeral home at the age of 16. Then a sophomore in high school, Damian Murriel performed various custodial services at Cook's Funeral Home. When he graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1994 he left for Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science. Two years later after he completed his schooling and became a licensed funeral director and embalmer, he began traveling, doing internships and apprenticeships in other states, including brief stints in Illinois and Indiana. In 2000 he left for a job as funeral director of Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home in Atlanta, Georgia, where the wake for TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes was held.

On April 17, 2003 Damian Murriel's life-long dream to own and operate a funeral home became a reality. "I never lost sight of what I was pursuing," Damian Murriel said "I want to clean up the area and enhance the community with the funeral home." Murriel said. Murriel's motto is: "Serving Families in Their Time of Need." He is a member of the Mississippi Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Damian Murriel.

RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'S 2015 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS HONOREES

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2015 Celebration of Success.

Every year, the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry honors businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals who have made an impact in our community. This

year, the Chamber is recognizing Joseph Adler and Robert Stephen with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contributions to our community through Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Adler and Mr. Stephen have built 58 homes for families in the Joliet area and have made a lasting impact through their volunteer work.

Additionally, the Chamber will be recognizing CARCARE Collision Centers, Advanced Family Dental & Orthodontics, Newsome Home Health Care Agency, Providence Bank, David Nelson Exquisite Jewelry, and Breast Intentions of Illinois.

I would like to congratulate the honorees of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2015 Celebration of Success and thank the Chamber for recognizing success in our community.

IN TRIBUTE TO BARBARA R.
ARNWINE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to a dedicated champion and pivotal civil and human rights leader, Barbara R. Arnwine.

On this important Election Day, where millions of Americans exercise their fundamental right to vote, it is exceptionally meaningful to applaud this remarkable hero.

Barbara Arnwine has dedicated her life to making our world a better place, and because of her lifetime of achievements and victories, our history will be forever marked with confirmation that we have and continue to advance to a better place.

Throughout her 25 years of service as the Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and nearly 10 years of prior service at the Boston Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and legal aid to the public of North Carolina, we have all benefited from her tireless advocacy and fight for justice.

From the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2006, the development and expansion of Election Protection from 2004 through 2008, and steadfastly giving voice to those disenfranchised for criminal convictions and discriminatory practices nationwide, Barbara Arnwine has never backed down but continues to this day to lay the foundation for freedom and justice for every citizen.

Not only in the critically important area of voting rights, Barbara Arnwine has left a beautiful and exemplary footprint on all necessary aspects of social justice, including community development, housing and lending, employment law, women's and immigration rights, criminal justice reform, racial profiling, affirmative action, healthcare, LGBTQ rights, environmental justice, and breaking down international barriers of racial oppression, discrimination and xenophobia in Africa and Asia.

Barbara Arnwine is not only a phenomenal woman, she is a worldly warrior.

It is with great pleasure that I thank Barbara Arnwine for her service to the cause of justice and wish her well as she embarks on her new journey in the continuing struggle for social justice and equal opportunity for all persons.

HONORING PASTOR LINDA
SWEETZER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a driven and ambitious woman, Pastor Linda Sweetzer. Pastor Sweetzer has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to make a positive difference in doing God's will and spreading his Word.

Linda Sweetzer was born the youngest child in a family of ten to Bessie Dillard and the late Alfred Dillard, Jr. in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She was saved at the tender age of ten.

She is a 1978 graduate of Vicksburg High School and attended and graduated from Milsaps College, Jackson, MS in 1982. She worked at Vicksburg Family Development Service for 19 years—fourteen of those years as the Co-Director.

She was called into the Gospel Ministry on February 5, 1995, ordained in 1997 and again in 2006 by Bishop T.D. Jakes of Dallas, Texas at The Potter's House International. She was called to pastor and founded The House of Peace Worship Church in December 2001. It is known as: "The Church Where the Holy Spirit is in Charge." In May 2006, the Holy Spirit led Pastor Sweetzer to begin another church in the Rolling Fork area; it is known as The House of Peace Worship Church International/Delta.

Apostle Linda Sweetzer is also a playwright and has written, produced and directed fifteen major productions, which were performed in the theater in the surrounding areas of Vicksburg, Rolling Fork and Fayette, Mississippi and Texarkana, TX.

She is the author of a book entitled, "Eating Along the Way!—A Survivor's Guide for People Who Are Serious About Hearing God's Call." In addition, she was the co-owner of a Christian bookstore.

She was affirmed into the Apostolic calling on July 29th, 2011. The Affirmation Ceremony was conducted by Apostle Michael O. Exum, Executive Director of The Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance and Apostle Eyvone Smith of His Harvest Ministries, Oxford, Mississippi.

Some other achievements include: appointed Board Member of the United Way of West Central Mississippi (2011–2014); Director of The House of Peace Substance Abuse Prevention Program; appointed for a second term to the Election Commission (2009–2012); appointed to the Election Commission (2005–2009); appointed twice to the City of Vicksburg Civil Service Commission. Pastor Sweetzer was honored as a Local Recipient of 100 Black Women; recognized as a Distinguished African American by St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church; nominated as one of the 50 Leading Business Women of America.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. named a scholarship in Pastor Linda Sweetzer's name at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and she was appointed to the Vicksburg-Warren School District Advisory Council to develop plans for building Mega Schools. She also has received several awards and recognitions. She was selected by the Iyettes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as one of the

Religious Role Models; Outstanding Young Women of America; Woman of Excellence Award in Art and Literature; Sower of the Lord Award and Peacemaker Award given by the Flying High for Jesus Outreach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Linda Sweetzer for her passion and dedication to spread the word of God and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,981,685,747.52. We've added \$7,526,104,636,834.44 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN CELEBRATION OF ROLLS-
ROYCE'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rolls-Royce Indianapolis in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The company has made significant contributions to the city of Indianapolis, but its accomplishments can be seen globally. It is my privilege to honor this strong Hoosier company as it celebrates 100 years of excellence.

The company's Indiana roots took hold in 1915, when Indianapolis businessman James Allison founded his engine shop. Within the first years of business, Allison entered the rapidly growing aerospace industry and began collaborating with Rolls-Royce on several aerospace ventures. After decades of collaboration and partnership, Rolls-Royce purchased what had been the Allison Engine Company in 1995, and has been serving the aerospace and marine industries with innovative, customer-focused products ever since. This anniversary is especially historical for Rolls-Royce as it not only marks 100 years of operations in Indianapolis, but it also marks 20 years since the company purchased the enterprise which Allison created.

Today, Rolls-Royce is a trusted leader for land, sea, and air power solutions worldwide with a significant and growing presence. The Rolls-Royce facility in Indianapolis is home to the largest Rolls-Royce manufacturing location in North America and is one of the largest employers in Indianapolis. Rolls-Royce employs the best and the brightest engineers who are committed to maintaining Rolls-Royce's long-standing reputation of excellence. The company has 4,600 employees who contribute to designing and producing engines for a wide

range of military and commercial aircraft as well as marine propulsion systems. More Rolls-Royce products are built in Indianapolis than anywhere else in the world. Many innovative and legendary aircraft are powered by engines built in the Indianapolis facility, such as the P-51 and P-38 aircraft flown in World War II. Current examples include the F-35B Lightning II, C-130J Super Hercules, V-22 Osprey, and Global Hawk and Triton UAVs, which are used to power Department of Defense aircraft, civil helicopters, regional and business jets, and power systems for U.S. Naval vessels.

In addition to all of Rolls-Royce's achievements in the manufacturing world, they also have a commitment to Indiana. The company recently announced Rolls-Royce will invest in the Purdue Research Park Aerospace District in West Lafayette, Indiana. Rolls-Royce is the first company to announce it will move into the research park. Additionally, the company recently announced exciting news that it is making a nearly \$600 million investment to modernize manufacturing operations in Indianapolis and conduct technology research. It is the largest investment by the company in Indianapolis since its original purchase here in 1995.

This investment contributes to the company's commitment to Indiana for many decades to come.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Rolls-Royce on the celebration its centennial anniversary. I am proud to represent a city that is home to exemplary businesses such as this one. I wish Rolls-Royce all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence.